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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LARG ASSISTANCE TO LEBANESE

EGYPTIANS, SYRIANS

1. IN SPEECH DELIVERED IN TRIPOLI APRIL 18 BEFORE LEBANESE, SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN WORKERS, QADHAFI CALLED FOR FEDAYEEN ACTION "WITHOUT EXCEPTION ON ALL FRONTS." QADHAFI FURTHER STATED LARG WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS OF ARAB COUNTRIES WITH OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT THAT LARG ASSERTED THE RIGHT TO "OBJECT" IN MATTERS CONCERNING PALESTINIAN QUESTIONS.

2. QADHAFI ALSO BOASTED OF ALLEGED LARG MILITARY AID TO EGYPT AND SYRIA DURING THE OCTOBER WAR. HE CLAIMED LIBYA CONTRIBUTED 1 BILLION DOLLARS TO EGYPT'S MILITARY EFFORT AND 500 MILLION DOLLARS TO SYRIA. QADHAFI FURTHER ALLEGED LARG GAVE "SCORES OF MIRAGE PLANES AND A COMPLETE ARMORED BRIGADE WITH ALL OF ITS TANKS AND ARTILLERY TO EGYPTIAN FRONT, AND MORE THAN 100 TANKS TO SYRIAN FRONT DURING THE BATTLE."

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COMMENT: REFERENCE TO LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR PALES-

TINIAN AND LEBANESE NATIONALISTS ONLY ONE OF
SEVERAL THEMES IN QADHAFI'S MOST RECENT OUTPOURING
OF VITRIOLIC POLEMICS AIMED AT PLEASING THE CROWD.
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